



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7013

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***AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME PREVENTION AND A STATE
PREVENTION COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) As used in sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this act:
- 2 (1) "Prevention" means policies and programs that promote health,
3 safety and learning and reduce the likelihood of crime, violence,
4 academic failure or other socially destructive behavior and build
5 competencies to ensure productive lives for the citizens of the state.
6 "Prevention" is further defined as: (A) "Primary prevention" means
7 policies and activities designed exclusively to prevent a problem from
8 developing by intervening before manifestation of the condition or
9 symptom. Primary prevention is characterized by policies, programs
10 directed, not at individuals, but at target populations, including those
11 who may be at high risk which are voluntary and not required by legal
12 authority; and (B) "secondary prevention" means policies and activities
13 directed to reduce the length and severity of a problem or to intervene
14 to interrupt the early progression of destructive behavior or disorder
15 for individuals who do not yet meet the clinical criteria for treatment.
- 16 (2) "Preventive services" means the following programs involving
17 children and youth, directed to anticipate and meet specific needs: (A)
18 Preventive behavioral services, including, but not limited to, the

19 prevention of abuse or neglect, crime and violence or substance abuse;
20 (B) preventive health services, including, but not limited to primary
21 health care, health promotion, injury and suicide prevention,
22 prevention of infectious disease, nutrition, prevention of unhealthy
23 lifestyles and multiple health problems; and (C) preventive social and
24 multi-focused services, including, but not limited to academic success,
25 child and youth and family development, youth employment,
26 parenting skills and family support, the reduction of adolescent
27 pregnancy, the prevention of homelessness and housing-related issues.

28 (3) "Research-based prevention" means strategies, programs or
29 services that (A) have a design and implementation that has been
30 subjected to an evidenced-based research methodology; (B) have been
31 evaluated by recognized experts in the field of prevention and found
32 to represent promising practices or demonstrate positive outcomes;
33 and (C) have been determined by the State Prevention Council
34 established pursuant to section 2 of this act to represent best practices
35 in that the programs can be replicated, are cost effective, sustain
36 positive outcomes and meet other evaluative criteria adopted by the
37 State Prevention Council.

38 (4) "Prevention impact statement" means a set of processes
39 approved by the General Assembly for use by state agencies to
40 examine, in advance, the impact of a prevention policy or program on
41 health, safety and learning outcomes.

42 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) There is established a State Prevention Council
43 which shall embed prevention into state and local policy, consisting of
44 the following: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
45 Management or the secretary's designee; (2) the Chief Court
46 Administrator or the Chief Court Administrator's designee; (3) the
47 Commissioner of Social Services or the commissioner's designee; (4)
48 the Commissioner of Children and Families or the commissioner's
49 designee; (5) the Commissioner of Public Health or the commissioner's
50 designee; (6) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
51 Services or the commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of

52 Education or the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of
53 Higher Education or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Labor
54 Commissioner or the commissioner's designee; (10) the Commissioner
55 of Correction or the commissioner's designee; (11) the Commissioner
56 of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee; (12) the Child
57 Advocate or the designee of the Child Advocate; (13) the executive
58 director of the Commission on Children or the director's designee; (14)
59 the executive director of the Children's Trust Fund or the director's
60 designee; and (15) such other members as the Governor may appoint
61 or their designees. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
62 Management, or the secretary's designee, shall serve as chairperson of
63 the council.

64 (b) The State Prevention Council shall:

65 (1) Recommend, biennially, to the General Assembly a
66 comprehensive state-wide prevention plan and budget encompassing
67 primary prevention and secondary prevention policies and preventive
68 services in health, safety, and learning; identify cross-agency cost
69 savings resulting from such prevention policies and services and
70 recommendations concerning increasing fiscal accountability.

71 (2) Achieve savings by identifying less effective interventions in
72 violence reduction, health and mental health problems, academic
73 failure and drug and alcohol abuse and recommending the reallocation
74 of state funds, as appropriate, to more effective preventive services.

75 (3) Identify cost-effective research-based prevention strategies that
76 demonstrate promising practices and outcomes that promote health,
77 safety and learning.

78 (4) Establish outcome measures related to child and youth and
79 family health, safety and learning to serve as guides to prevention
80 planning, prevention impact statements and program accountability.

81 (c) The State Prevention Council, acting through the Office of Policy
82 and Management or any other state agency, governmental entity or the

83 private sector, may, within available appropriations, provide financial
84 assistance, lend staff or provide in-kind contributions to the
85 Governor's Partnership To Protect Connecticut's Workforce,
86 Incorporated, for the purposes of assisting the State Prevention
87 Council in prevention planning, training, technical assistance,
88 initiating pilot or demonstration projects and such other assistance as
89 the Office of Policy and Management may decide.

90 Sec. 3. (NEW) (a) On October 1, 2002, and biennially thereafter, the
91 State Prevention Council shall identify, within each of the involved
92 state agency budgets, all existing appropriations for preventive
93 services in health, safety and learning, and submit a report on the
94 effectiveness of such preventive services to the joint standing
95 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
96 relating to appropriations. The report and a budget shall be phased in
97 on or before January 1, 2003, to include the Departments of Social
98 Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Education and Public
99 Health and Labor Department; on or before January 1, 2005, to include
100 the Office of Policy and Management, the judicial branch and the
101 Departments of Children and Families and Public Safety; and on or
102 before January 1, 2007, to include the Departments of Correction and
103 Higher Education and such other agencies as the Governor may direct.

104 (b) On October 1, 2002, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary of the
105 Office of Policy and Management, on behalf of the Governor, shall
106 submit to the General Assembly a Prevention Plan and Budget in
107 accordance with subsection (a) of this section, including the
108 expenditures on preventive services consistent with outcome measures
109 and indicators as established by the State Prevention Council. Such
110 plan and budget shall describe the balance of program spending
111 among services compared to total spending and include all programs
112 pursuant to section 4-28b of the general statutes and such other
113 applicable federal and General Fund services each agency has
114 proposed.

115 (c) Beginning July 1, 2004, the budget of each agency that is a

116 member of the State Prevention Council shall establish a goal for the
117 allocation of its total general and federal funds towards preventive
118 services, as defined in section 1 of this act.

119 Sec. 4. (NEW) On July 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, each agency
120 that is a member of the State Prevention Council proposing new
121 programs or expansion of existing services shall submit a prevention
122 impact statement to the joint standing committee of the General
123 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations as
124 part of its budget submission to assess the fiscal and programmatic
125 gains of the prevention strategy in reducing negative outcomes. Such
126 impact statement shall use a format and methodology adopted by the
127 Office of Legislative Research in cooperation with the Office of Policy
128 and Management.

129 Sec. 5. (NEW) (a) There is established a Connecticut Prevention
130 Advisory Board, which shall be within the Office of Policy and
131 Management for administrative purposes only. The board shall be
132 composed of five members appointed by the Governor, two members
133 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and two
134 members appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. The
135 Governor shall appoint one member to serve as chairperson. No
136 member shall serve more than four years within a twelve-year period.
137 Members shall include individuals with interest, expertise and direct
138 experience in prevention and preventive services. The board may
139 name two youth members.

140 (b) The board, in collaboration with the State Prevention Council,
141 shall, annually, submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a
142 report delineating the adequacy of the State-Wide Prevention Plan and
143 Budget and shall recommend such policy and program changes,
144 innovations and improvements in preventive services as the board
145 deems necessary.

146 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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